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[REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PREPARATION FOR THE 11 SEPTEMBER 1973 COUP D'ETAT.

2. IN MID-AUGUST 1973, THE ARMED FORCES BEGAN PREPARATIONS FOR THE OVERTHROW OF FORMER PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E. FOR THIS TASK THEY ORGANIZED A "SPECIAL COORDINATION TEAM," COMPOSED OF THREE DELEGATES FROM EACH MILITARY SERVICE, HAVING THE RANK OF GENERAL OR ADMIRAL. SUBSEQUENTLY, CAREFULLY SELECTED CIVILIANS WERE INCLUDED IN THIS TEAM.

3. THIS COORDINATION TEAM PREPARED THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE THE POPULAR UNITY (UP) GOVERNMENT, AND ON THE FIRST AND SECOND OF SEPTEMBER IT WAS EXPLAINED TO THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF (CINC), AND TO ADMIRAL JOSE M E R I N O

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OF THE NAVY. THE PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THEM, AND ORDERS WERE GIVEN FOR PREPARATIONS TO BE MADE TO UNDERTAKE THE ACTION ON 10 SEPTEMBER, AT AN HOUR WHICH WOULD BE SET BY GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET, ARMY CINC, WHO WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE HEAD OF THE GROUP.

4. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, PARTICULARLY SOME ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS IN THE ARMED FORCES AND CARABINEROS RADIO AND TELEVISION NETWORK, THE COUP WAS POSTPONED UNTIL EARLY ON 11 SEPTEMBER. THE FOLLOWING WAS THE APPROVED PLAN:

A. IN THE EARLY MORNING OF 11 SEPTEMBER, THE NAVY WOULD TAKE POSSESSION OF VALPARAISO AND VINA DEL MAR AND WOULD ISSUE AN ULTIMATUM TO PRESIDENT ALLENDE:

B. THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE (FACH) WOULD CONFINE THESELVES TO THE BARRACKS IN FIRST GRADE ALERT, BEGINNING AT 7:30 A.M. ON 11 SEPTEMBER.

C. THE CARABINEROS WOULD BE NEUTRALIZED BY THE NAMING OF A NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHO WOULD BE GENERAL CESAR MENDOZA. MENDOZA WOULD ORDER THE REMOVAL OF THE CARABINEROS FROM THE PALACE, THE SANTIAGO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE AT TOMAS MORO. FURTHERMORE, THE CARABINEROS WOULD

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SUPPORT THE ARMED FORCES.

D. A MILITARY JUNTA WOULD BE ESTABLISHED, CONSISTING OF THE THREE ARMED FORCES CINCS AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE CARABINEROS, WHICH WOULD FUNCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND FROM THERE, AT 9:00 A.M., OR WHEN THEY CONTACTED ALLENDE, THEY WOULD ISSUE AN ULTIMATUM TO TURN OVER POWER TO THEM.

E. IN THE CASE OF RESISTANCE BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE U.P., THE ARMED FORCES AND CARABINEROS WOULD ACT FORCEFULLY, ACCORDING TO THE PLANS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON.

F. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE CARABINEROS WOULD BE DIRECTED AND COORDINATED FROM THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STAFF OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, LOCATED ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE MINISTRY, WHERE THE COORDINATING TEAM WOULD BE LOCATED.

G. THE ARMED FORCES NETWORK WOULD INSTALL ITS COMMAND POST IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, FIFTH FLOOR, AND WOULD HAVE AS ITS BASE RADIO AGRICULTURA AND THE TELEVISION CHANNEL BELONGING TO THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (CHANNEL 13).

H. THE SANTIAGO GARRISON WOULD BE REINFORCED WITH BATTALIONS FROM LOS ANDES, SAN FELIPE, RIO BLANCO AND QUILLOTA, AND WITH AN ARTILLERY GROUP FROM LINARES.

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I. THE FACH WOULD BE FREE TO REINFORCE SANTIAGO FROM BASES IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH.

J. THE NAVY WOULD BE FREE TO STRENGTHEN ITS INSTALLATIONS IN THE QUOTA NORMAL SECTION.

K. THE COMMANDERS OF THE DIVISIONS AND PROVINCIAL GARRISONS WOULD ASSUME CONTROL AND TOTAL POWER IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

5. [REDACTED] THE EXECUTION OF THE PLAN ON 11 SEPTEMBER CONSTITUTED A SURPRISE FOR THE U.P. GOVERNMENT. SINCE THE COUP, THE MILITARY JUNTA GOVERNMENT HAS CONCENTRATED ON ITS OPERATIONS TO CLEAN UP THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND SNIPERS. THE ORDER GIVEN SINCE THE 11TH HAS BEEN TO EXECUTE ALL SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS WHO RESIST, WITHOUT EXCEPTION AND REGARDLESS OF THEIR NATIONALITY OR POSITION. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THESE OPERATIONS WILL BE TERMINATED IN SANTIAGO ABOUT 15 SEPTEMBER. IN SANTIAGO THE CLEAN UP OPERATION IS BEING DIRECTED BY THE COMMANDER OF THE SANTIAGO GARRISON.

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